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CASE 6934

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :
Corey J. Kenneally et al :
Serial No.: 09/554,211 : Group Art Unit: 16211
Filed: May 10, 2000 : Examiner: D. Carr
Confirmation No.: 6519
Title: A PROCESS FOR MAKING HIGH
PURITY LOWER ALKYL ESTERS

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Dear Sir,

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 5, 2001

In response to the July 5, 2001 Office Action, please consider the
accompanying remarks in the above identified application:

IN THE CLAIMS

Applicants note that in the above referenced Office Action the Examiner has
rejected Claims 1-39 on various grounds. Applicants respectfully bring to the
Examiner's attention that Claims 1-10 of the above identified application were
canceled in the Preliminary Amendment mailed May 10, 2000. A copy of this
amendment is attached for the Examiner's review. Applicants hereby respectfully
request clarification of the status of Claims 1-10 in the next correspondence from the
Examiner. Applicants will direct their comments in this response to Claims 11-39
which remain pending.